



(Office of the Ogema)

- **Bozhoo Tribal Members,** There is an issue that has become a major concern to the office of the Ogema. But first, I would like to say that when I was appointed there was three things that I promised the tribal members and to all of the members and non-members that work for the Tribal Government. First, I will not make any decision based on my getting elected. And that all my decisions will be in the best interest of the tribe. Second, If you ask me a question and I am not prohibited from reporting that information. I will tell you the truth. Third, No employee will be written out of the budget as long as I am Ogema. It is the “Third” statement I made, that I now have to support. It is easy to make promises, however it’s another to back them up. I feel that writing an employee out of the budget is wrong. It just is not a good way to do business. I see no real benefit to this action. The practice of writing people out of the budget, in my opinion tears down to morale of each and every person that provides services to the membership. I feel this kind of leadership definitely needs to change. I am appalled if this is how the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians treats human beings in this day and age. For 500 years we have been oppressed, and I now feel we have become our own Oppressors. I now ask the Membership to exercise your rights under the Constitution and voice your opinion. I work for you Patrick D. Wilson, Ogema

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Tribal Fishing Coalition.** The Tribal Commercial Fishing Coalition released details on the expanded fleet as well as newly forged relationships with the S.S. City of Milwaukee and the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau. (see June *Currents* for full details) (NR)

(General area items)

- **Election Board.** The Election Board has announced that the runoff election for the position of Tribal Ogema will be held on June 1st and they have asked for members to watch their mail for the ballots which are going to be mailed this week. Open polling will also take place at the Community Center on June 1st from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Election Board has also asked that members be sure to follow the directions on the ballots and to sign them. (EB)
- **Election Board – Council.** The Election Board has reported that there are no challenges to the Council election results announced following the April 27th general election. New Council members are tentatively slated to be seated on either the 16th or 22nd of May. Watch for specifics on the website www.lrboi.com.

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(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Indian Health.** Members of the staff of the LRBOI Tribal Health Department attended a joint session held between 6 tribes. They were examining common issues and challenges involved as they help serve the Little River members.(IHS)
- **Tax Department.** The Tax Officer notified Little River Casino Resort of the change in tax-exempt cigarette purchase limits that will go into effect on June 1, 2007. Tribal members will be limited to 2 cartons (or 20 packs) of tax-exempt cigarettes per month. Motor fuel refunds were processed for Northern Pass and March 2007 motor fuel tax returns were sent to Michigan Treasury for reimbursement. The first quarter tax sharing return was filed.

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